Minimising the Red-Tapism in Governmen! offices

2074. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME M NISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details , f the steps taken by Government to reduce red-tapism in the Ministries and offices and to reduce the time-consuming procedure of the Government of India; and

(b) the details of effects of these measures, in terms of ime, and to what extent the time-boun,] disposal of files has taken place?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES Al (D PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) Steps ' taken includ :

(i) simplificati >n and rationalisation of procedures' td cut out delays;

(ii) preparation of time-bound action plans by the mnistries regarding their functional areas *%tfA* regular monitoring \ of the results ac ueved;

(Hi) fixation of levels by the ministries for taking decis ons on various cate gories of case !.• channel of their submission to speed up decision making and to enforce ;,ccountability;

(iv) delegation of powers by the Ministry of Fin nee to administrative ministries and ' y administrative ministries to their lo rer formations; art!

(v) fixation or time limits for disposal of applications for licences/approvals received from' public.

The position in this regard is reviewed *m* time to timt To cite a few exam- >-10 * improvem. nts made: the pace of -if applic itions in Import/Export *ion, Department of md Department of In- has quickened; the ncial clearance 0I Railways have substan- >ition regarding settle- nd the overall disposal of business by the ministries is further streamlined.

Representation from federation of publishers and book sellers

2075. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Federation of Publishers and Book Sellers Association, India for section 80 QQ of Income-tax Act to enable the publishers to have some reprieve from rising costs of paper and other printing inputs.

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted this ,equest of publishers; and

(c) what is the total amount which is involve^ in giving this concession to pub lishers by restoring of section SO QQ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) No comprehensive date are readily available in regard to thj amount involved

restoring section 80 QQ. However, I the statistics
sample of 3175 returns for assessment year 1984-85, the total revenue involved on this account was Rs. 1.331 crores in these c:>

Subsidies given by Government

2076. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDW Will ih2 Minister of FDSTAN to st&te:

(a) total amount of subsidies given by Government to each sector including ex port subsidy curing the last fin;.'
and trie current financial year; and

(b) the names of sectors to which sub sidy has been given during the same period")

THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THF. DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN

THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) Itemised 'details of subsidies by Central Government provided in 1986-87 (RE) and 1987-88 (BE) are given in Statement 4 of the document "Expenditure Budget, 1987-88, Vol.l" which was presented to Parliament on 28th February, 1987 along with the Budget for 1987-88

Central projects in U.P.

2077. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDW'AI: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMP. LEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Central projects completed in Utta,- Pradesh till June, 1987;

(b) what is the number of Central projects in Uttar Pradesh which are under execution at present or have not yet been started;

(c) by when such projects are likely to be completed, and

(d) the total amount spent so far on the completed projects and what is the excluding the railways|gas pipeline projects under execution or projects which have not yet been started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRr SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) According to the available information in respect of Central projects covere'd by the Quarterly Monitoring System of the Ministry, the number of projects completed and under implementation till June, 1987 from the commencement of 7th Plan (1-4-1985) are 4 and 22 respectively.

(c) Projects under implementation are now scheduled for completion by 1990 excepting two coal projects which are likely to be completed by December, 1994.

(d) The ,total amounts spent on the complete^ projects and the present 'day estimated cost of projects under implementation are of the order of Rs. 380 cores and ^s- 6650 ctv/res respectively, excluding the railways/gas piplines projects traversing through different States where the project cost is not amendable to allocation to different States.

Introduction of computers in Banks

2078. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there js confusion on the agreement between the In'dian Banks' Association and the Unions of the bank employees in introducing computers in the Banks;

(b) if so, what are the real problems; and

(c) by when the said agreement will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Indian Banks' Association has advised that the agreement is in the process of implementation by the banks

Gas Leakage in ME5 water pumping station Meerut

2079. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a woman had 'died and a number of persons were hospitalised following a chlorine gas leakage from the Military Engineering Service (MES) water pumping station in the cantonment area in Meeru? recently; and

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(b) if so, what are the details thereof, ig the outcome of the inqp'r,, mnducted by Government into t[1] of gas and the action taken <•

THE MINISTER OF DEPARTMENT OF I DUCTION AND S' MINISTRY OF DEFI RAJ PATIL): (a) an